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- This report is the International preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 26 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 56.
- This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.
- This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising
 - sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau a total of 9 sheets, as follows:
 - sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis of this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).
 - sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in Item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.
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 - Box No. I Basis of the opinion
 - Box No. II Priority
 - Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
 - Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
 - Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 36(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability, citations and explanations supporting such statement
 - Box No. VI Certain documents cited
 - Box No. VII Certain defects in the International application
 - Box No. VIII Certain observations on the International application

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Box No. 1 Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (under Rules 56.2 and/or 56.3)
2. With regard to the elements* of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):

Description, Pages

1-11 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

1-21 filed with telex on 18.01.2008

Drawings, Sheets

1/7-7/7 as originally filed

- a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing

- The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
 - the description, pages
 - the claims, Nos.
 - the drawings, sheets/figs
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 - any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify):

- This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- the description, pages
- the claims, Nos.
- the drawings, sheets/figs
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-21
	No:	Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1-21
	No:	Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-21
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):

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Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1 Reference is made to the following documents:

D1 : WO 02/101194 A (MAUTE ROBERT ; REM SCIENT ENTPR INC (US)) 19 December 2002 (2002-12-19)
D2 : US 5 631 562 A (CRAM MILTON E ET AL) 20 May 1997 (1997-05-20)
D3 : US 4 862 090 A (VANNIER DANIEL ET AL) 29 August 1989 (1989-08-29)

2 The document D1 is regarded as being the closest prior art to the subject-matter of independent claim 1, and shows:

A borehole logging tool comprising a sensor loop. The sensor loop includes a series of contiguous sensors that act as electromagnetic flowmeters and provide fluid measurements covering the entire circumference of the sensor loop. The sensor loop includes an elastic element that forces the sensor loop outward to maintain pressure along the sensor loop circumference against the interior borehole wall. The sensor loop is designed to lie at a non-perpendicular angle to the wellbore axis, and mechanical arms press the top and bottom of the loop against the borehole inner wall (see also figures 3 and 3a of D1).

The subject-matter of claim 1 differs from this known logging tool in that the claimed logging tool comprises:

- pads that are pivotable about a radial axis relative to the tool body, and the pads are elongate pads adjacently arranged to provide different circumferential coverage according to the orientation with respect to the longitudinal axis of the borehole.

The subject-matter of claim 1 is therefore new (Article 33(2) PCT).

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- 2.1 The problem to be solved by the present invention may be regarded as: providing constant total circumferential coverage with a logging tool having pads in boreholes with different diameters and shapes.
- 2.2 The solution to this problem proposed in claim 1 of the present application is considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT) for the following reasons: by allowing the pads to rotate about a radial axis relative to the tool body, the orientation of the pads can be changed to adjust the actual amount of circumferential coverage by the pads and so accommodate different borehole diameters and shapes while providing the same degree of circumferential coverage (see paragraph [0008] of the application as originally filed).
- 2.3 Claims 2-19 are dependent on claim 1 and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.
- 2.4 Since the subject-matter of independent claims 20 and 21 corresponds to the subject matter of claim 1, the same reasoning as given for claim 1 will apply mutatis mutandis. Therefore claims 20 and 21 also meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and inventive step (Article 33(2) and (3) PCT).